

SENATE RESOLUTION 134

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate William Clark Bohannon on the celebration of his ninety-fifth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, William Clark Bohannon celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday on April 12, 2017, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of James and Beulah Dunn Bohannon, Mr. Bohannon was raised in the Eastland community of White County; and

WHEREAS, William Bohannon was drafted into the United States Army, and he served with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism during World War II; and

WHEREAS, initially stationed in Tullahoma with the 76<sup>th</sup> Division, he was later promoted to the rank of Private First Class. Throughout the early days of Mr. Bohannon's service, he was stationed at numerous locations across the country, including Fort McClellan, Alabama; Fort Meade, Maryland; AP Hill, Virginia; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; Michigan; and New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bohannon was one of the many valiant soldiers to fight in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day, working as a mortar gunman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bohannon was later injured by a mortar bombing in England. After recovering, he was sent to Belgium as part of a water purification unit. He continued to fight in France, Normandy, Germany, and lastly, Austria, before he was honorably discharged on November 30, 1945; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, William Bohannon worked with acumen and alacrity for the Tennessee Valley Authority, helping the organization construct bridges and

overpasses and build the Watts Bar Dam. In 1984, Mr. Bohannon retired from TVA, having earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, William Bohannon started a hobby apple orchard at his home. Eventually, the orchard developed into a full-time business of selling apples and apple cider to folks from all around the State; Mr. Bohannon continued working in the orchard until 2012 at the age of ninety; and

WHEREAS, William Bohannon was blessed by the love and companionship of his first wife, the late Bobbie Lamb Bohannon, and his second wife, the late Betty Sapp Bohannon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bohannon is the proud father of three wonderful children, William, Judy, and Wesley, and he is the proud grandfather of Alan, Nora, Dana, Kristi, and Melissa; and

WHEREAS, as William Bohannon approaches his eleventh decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as his health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate William Clark Bohannon on the celebration of his ninety-fifth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.